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SUBJ: ENERGY SITUATION; AVIATION FUEL

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1. ON NOVEMBER 15 MARCEL MART, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND TRANSPORT, ANNOUNCED FURTHER MEASURES DIRECTED AT CONSERVING PETROLEUM SUPPLIES. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY SOURCES, CURRENT SUPPLIES ARE ADEQUATE FOR THREE MONTHS AND THESE MEASURES ARE AIMED AT ENSURING EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION AND CONSERVATION OF EXISTING SUPPLIES.

2. NEW MEASURES INCLUDE RESTRICTING THE OPERATING HOURS

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OF GAS STATIONS FROM 5:00 A.M. TO 8:00 PM MONDAY THRU

FRIDAY, SPEED LIMITS OF 80 KM/HOUR AND 100 KM/HOUR AND INCREASES IN GAS AND FUEL OIL PRICES. GASOLINE PRICES HAVE BEEN INCREASED APPROXIMATELY 4 PERCENT WHEREAS FUEL OIL PRICES WILL BE ALLOWED TO RISE BY NEARLY 20 PERCENT. MINISTRY SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN PRICE INCREASES PRIMARILY REFLECTS AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE STRUCTURE OF FUEL OIL PRICES THAT HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE PRICE COMMISSION FOR SOME TIME.

3. MART IS MEETING REGULARLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR OIL FIRMS TO PLAN THE MOST EQUITABLE APPROACH TO OIL SHORTAGES. A GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY OIL COMMITTEE CURRENTLY IS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A COMMON PETROLEUM POOL SO THAT SMALL INDEPENDENTS CAN BE ASSURED OF A CONTINUING SUPPLY. OUR OIL INDUSTRY SOURCES INDICATES THAT THIS POOL WILL BE FORMED BY APPORTIONING EACH MAJOR OIL COMPANY ON THE BASIS OF ITS 1973 MARKET SHARE AND 1972 MONTHLY SALES. THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND TRANSPORT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE POOLED RESOURCES.

4. GOVERNMENT AND OIL INDUSTRY REPS WILL MEET AGAIN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, TO PLAN A RATIONING PROGRAM FOR FUEL OIL AND GASOLINE. MART HAS ALREADY PUBLICLY INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR SOME TYPE OF RATIONING TO THE ALTERNATIVE OF A WEEKEND PROHIBITION ON DRIVING, AND OIL INDUSTRY REPS, WHO FAVOR THIS MOVE, BELIEVE THAT THE RATIONING SYSTEM WILL BE READY FOR USE BY DECEMBER 1, IF NEEDED.

5. AVIATION FUEL SUPPLIES TO THE TWO CARRIERS (LUXAIR, ICELANDIC) BASED IN LUXEMBOURG HAVE BEEN LIMITED BY THE OIL INDUSTRY TO THE AMOUNT USED DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1972. BOTH CARRIERS EXPECT THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS NORMALLY FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1973 ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT NO NEW CHARTER FLIGHTS WILL BE PLANNED. INDUSTRY SOURCES INDICATE THAT AVIATION FUEL WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY SCARCE AFTER JANUARY 1.

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